



# San Antonio Police Department

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## NEWS RELEASE

### ***SAPD Arrests Murder Suspect***

San Antonio Police Officers assigned to the HIDTA (*High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area*) Unit identified and arrested **Juan Vital, DOB: 8-16-83** while executing a search warrant for narcotics at 1119 W. Kings Hwy. Vital was found to have an outstanding murder warrant for the October 11, 2003 murder of 27-year-old Fernando Mendez.

Mendez was found with several gunshot wounds after a shooting occurred in the 200 block of Blanco. He was transported to University Hospital where he later died.

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